

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006  
9:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Bob Workman, Vice Chair  
Larry Hudkins  
Ray Stevens

Board Members Absent: Bernie Heier, Chair  
Deb Schorr

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director  
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Vice Chair opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2005**

**MOTION:** Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Board of Corrections Meeting minutes dated November 3, 2005. Stevens, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

**2 POPULATION STATISTICS**

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, reported a 5% increase in the average daily population totals from the fourth quarter of 2004 to the fourth quarter of 2005. Total bookings and lodgings are up 8% and 5%, respectively.

Thurber said more detainees are demonstrating psychotic behaviors. These individuals are difficult to manage in the jail setting and are difficult to bond out.

## B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

## C. Monthly Statistical Report

See agenda packet.

# 3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

## A. Platte County Housing

Thurber said the Platte County Detention Facility has been utilized since September, 2005, due to population concerns. The current average is around 35 inmates per month. He said Platte County has assisted with transporting inmates back and forth for court appearances or release.

## B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program

Thurber said 23 individuals are currently participating in the Mental Health Jail Diversion Program. Two individuals have successfully completed the program. The program was approved for an extension of funding based on monies saved from the grant and should be able to continue for another 11 months.

## C. In-House/Road Crew Projects

Officer Curtis Shell appeared and reported on installation of rural county address signs by inmate crews (2,240 signs were installed between August 23 and November 22, 2005).

Thurber reported that: 1) The department received a mini-grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department for litter removal on county roads; 2) An inmate crew distributed election materials for the February 14, 2006 Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) Special Bond Election; 3) An inmate crew will begin moving Health Department offices on March 15, 2006 as part of that expansion project; and 4) The Intake & Detention Facility (IDF) Security Project should be completed by the end of February, 2006.

## D. Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

Chaplain Dan Morgan is no longer working for the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry and the Regional Director is recruiting a replacement. Program staff are working with the volunteers to continue Bible studies and religious services.

#### E. New Business

Thurber said quarterly in-service training to update certifications in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid is taking place. A class is also provided for training in the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's). AED units will be placed at IDF and the Lancaster Correctional Facility (LCF).

New fire-retardant footlockers were issued to LCF inmates.

The Spring Officer's Academy will begin in April, 2006.

#### F. Safety Smock Demonstration & Review

Thurber demonstrated the safety smocks worn by inmates on suicide or behavioral watch.

#### G. Other Business

Thurber reported that a heater coil froze on Saturday. He estimated the cost of repair at \$3,700.

### **4 ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

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Bruce Medcalf  
Lancaster County Clerk